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A Blue Valentine

To the Ivory Throne that bursts into bloom with roses be-
cause of her who sits upon it,
When you come to pay your devoir to Our Lady,
I beg you, say to her:
"Madame, a poor poet, one of your singing servants yet on
earth,
Has asked me to say that at this moment he is especially
grateful to you
For wearing a blue gown."

THE THORN

The garden of God is a radiant place
And every flower has a holy face.
Our Lady like a lily bends above the cloudy sod,
But Saint Michael is the thorn on the rose-bush of God.

David is the song upon God's lips,
And Our Lady is the goblet that He sips,
And Gabriel's the breath of His command;
But Saint Michael is the sword in God's right hand.

The Ivory Tower is fair to see,
And may her walls encompass me!
But when the Devil comes with the thunder of his might,
Saint Michael, show me how to fight!

Joyce Kilmer